

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 07, 2019

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on January 07, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Billy J. Smith, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Magistrate Sarah McKemie, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Lester Robinson, Tammy Andrews, and Justin McCullers of the Clay Times Journal.

Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Robin Catrett called roll and deemed a quorum present.

City Clerk/ Administrator Chelsey Wynn and Fire Chief Brett Thompson were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order and Council Member Tommy Cantrell gave the invocation.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Item Number 3 to include "Subject to additional wording making the Lessee responsible for all utilities", Item Number 10: Approval to purchase a half page ad in the "At Home in Clay County" magazine at a cost of \$300.00., Item Number 11: Approval to purchase 2000 General Fund checks for Intuit QuickBooks at a total cost of \$631.99. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve the previous planning meeting minutes. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the previous regular meeting minutes. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational Items:

1. Parade Rules discussed.
2. Council Members discussed the rental rates for the Wynn Building.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion to set the rental rate for the Wynn Building at \$75.00 with a \$25.00 deposit subject to return if no damage is done to the property. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner reported he has asked Maintenance Supervisor Robinson to come up with a plan for repairing city roads with the matching funds set aside for grants the City of Ashland was not awarded.

Council Member Smith did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked everyone for a great 2018.

Council Member Gaither reported on repair and maintenance completed and planned for the Ashland Wynn Building. Council Member Gaither advised the court room has been painted, and that a plan is being put into place for the Clay County High School memorabilia. Council Member Gaither commended Youth Sports Director Ben Bailey for planning a wonderful opening ceremony.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Police Chief Stanford reported the Police Department handled a few chases over the past weekend.

Maintenance Supervisor Robinson reported on painting at the Wynn Building, brick dust ordered to be placed on Williamson Field, 50% of gutters have been cleaned, solar lights for Ashland Cemetery have been ordered, leak at Old City Hall has been patched with a permanent fix planned for Spring, and the roadway cut at 3rd Ave South will be repaired this week with the help of the Water Department.

Assistant City Clerk/ Court Clerk Catrett reported while City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn is on leave if there is anything the Council Members or Supervisors need to let her know and she will work to get it completed. Assistant Clerk Catrett also reported Magistrate Sarah McKemie will be handling most Court activities until City Clerk/ Administrator Wynn returns from leave.

New Business:

Council Member Smith made a motion approving the bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$15,548.76. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Chief Stanford to attend the 2019 Winter Conference in Montgomery, Alabama on February 18-21, 2019 at an estimated cost of \$600.00 plus reimbursement travel expenses. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to lease old Police Department property based upon a finding that it is no longer needed for municipal purposes with a begin date of January 14, 2019 pursuant to terms in lease agreement (subject to additional wording making the Lessee responsible for all utilities) valid upon adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-01-07-01. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. \$16, 479.00 for Renewal of Annual Workers Compensation Insurance. (subject to audit) Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to update QuickBooks 2016 to QuickBooks 2019 Pro at an estimated cost of \$389.95. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to give K-9 Handler Adam Otwell a one-step raise to Range 11 Step 2 (\$13.37) based upon employee evaluation. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to give Dispatcher Kay Harris a one-step raise to Range 4 Step 8 9(\$10.62) based upon employee evaluation. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Assistant Chief/ Investigator Corey Dickinson a one-step raise to Range 15 Step 2 (\$16.88) based upon employee evaluation. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to suspend the rules to consider passage of Ordinance No. 2019-01-07-01. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Smith Yay
Steed Yay
Cain Yay
Gaither Yay
Cantrell Yay
Mayor Fetner Yay

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to purchase a half page ad in the "At Home in Clay County" magazine at a cost of \$300.00. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, all votes were unanimous with the exception of Council Member Cantrell who abstained.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to purchase 2000 General Fund checks for Intuit QuickBooks at a total cost of \$631.99. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Resolutions, Ordinances, and Other Business:

Council Member Gaither made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-01-07-01. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

There being no further business Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

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